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SUBJ: NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF FSO-4 KENNETH C. KELLER

REF: A. STATE 3993 (NOTAL)

B. GUAYAQUIL 1477 (NOTAL)

C. EDINBURG 007 (NOTAL)

1. REF A IS FIRST INDICATION I HAVE RECEIVED THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE MY STRONG OBJECTION TO TRANSFER IN MID-TOUR OF MY DEPUTY AND CHIEF OF THIS POST'S BELEAGUERED CONSULAR SECTION (REF B).

2. FIVE-OFFICER CONSULAR SECTION WILL EXPERIENCE 80 PERCENT TURN-OVER IN PERSONNEL IN 4 MONTHS IF KELLER IS TRANSFERRED TO MARACAIBO. HIS TOUR OF DUTY CALLS FOR REASSIGNMENT IN JANUARY 1976. DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO TRANSFER HIM AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY BROWN'S STATEMENT IN DEC. 13, 1974 LETTER TO CHIEF OF MISSION THAT CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES BE CARRIED OUT EFFICIENTLY, EFFECTIVELY, AND PROPERLY AND THAT CONSULAR PERSONNEL RECEIVE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE THEY ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE.

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3. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CONSULAR SECTION FROM OTHER SECTIONS THIS POST. RECENTLY ARRIVED COMMERCIAL OFFICER, WHO FILLED POSITION THAT HAD BEEN VACANT FOR 9 MONTHS, IS RUNNING IMPORTANT SECTION AND PREPARING FOR USDOC TRADE MISSION IN FEBRUARY AND US PARTICIPATION IN IV INTERNATIONAL GUAYAQUIL FAIR IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER. ADMINISTRATION OFFICER ARRIVES IN AUGUST ON DIRECT

TRANSFER FROM MOGADISCIO AND DEPARTS ON MUCH DESERVED HOME LEAVE IN FEBRUARY. POST'S REQUEST, ENDORSED BY EMBASSY, FOR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN POSITION IN ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WILL APPARENTLY NOT BE APPROVED BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS.

4. I AGAIN REPEAT MY STRONGEST OPPOSITION TO KELLER TRANSFER AND URGE THAT HIS ORDERS FOR REASSIGNMENT BE RESCINDED. IF DEPARTMENT PERSISTS IN DECISION TO TRANSFER HIM IN MID-TOUR IN SPITE OF OBVIOUS NEED HIS CONTINUED SERVICES AT THIS POST, I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE COMPLETE AND CANDID EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR SUCH DECISION.
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